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## **UD'S GEORGE ZIMMERMAN RECEIVES STATE MUSIC AWARD**

DAYTON, Ohio, February 10, 1989--George H. Zimmerman, a lecturer in the University of Dayton's Music Division, has received the Ohio Music Education Association's (OMEA) 1989 Distinguished Service Award. The award, the highest given by the OMEA, was presented at the Ohio Center in Columbus on Feb. 10.

Actively involved in the Dayton community, Zimmerman, a resident of Washington Township, serves as principal lecturer for the Dayton Philharmonic Women's Association's "Sound Ideas: The Art of Listening," a nationally recognized program. His "Old Fashioned Christmas Carol Sing" and other sing-alongs during the year consistently draw capacity crowds and are favorites both with the campus community and the public. His teaching responsibilities take him to Vienna each year as the host of the continuing education program "A Viennese Music Sampler."

Zimmerman's achievements at UD include starting a new course, "Development of the American Popular Song," which fulfills the university's general education requirements in the arts and is a favorite among students on campus. He serves as advisor for UD's chapter of Phi Mu Alpha, a professional music fraternity.

Formerly supervisor of music for Dayton Public Schools, Zimmerman received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Miami University.

Zimmerman is an outstanding cook and connoisseur of food. He annually publishes cookbooks and regularly entertains both colleagues and students. He is well remembered as the creator and host of two local television shows, the PBS series "By George" and the WLWD weekly series "Passport to Music," which won a National Television Academy of Arts Emmy.